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LU lands Starbucks for September 2012

BY ED VAILLEUX

The experience of waiting in a Tim Hortons line filled with dozens of students, stretching down the bowling alley, may soon be just a memory at Laurentian University.

Starbucks is on the way, according to Carol McAulay, vice-president of administration at Laurentian.

"We identified the library area as an area that could use additional services, particularly because often we see long line-ups at the Tim Hortons in the bowling alley," McAulay said. "Both Aramark and (Laurentian) agreed that we need another outlet in that sort-of neighbourhood."

Aramark currently, and for the next four years, has the contract to provide food services to Laurentian's campus. When Aramark does a review of services, the company splits the campus into sections, or "neighbourhoods," and they determined the academic neighbourhood (the library area) could use an extra outlet, according to McAulay.

"After discussion with Aramark, we agreed the library rotunda would be a great spot, so we're working with them to bring another food service outlet."

It's important, according to McAulay, that food services is cost-neutral on campus, which means the university doesn't lose money paying for it.

In terms of the next step towards bringing in the Starbucks franchise, McAulay added:

"The next conversation is 'who pays for the capital cost' (between Laurentian and Aramark)."

The estimated capital cost to get the new outlet up-and-running is \$325,000 to \$350,000, which would include the franchise and the renovations.

One option is that Aramark would foot the bill, and would regain the money over time, which could take several years, and



Photo by Ed Veilleux

The library rotunda, pictured here, is being ear-marked as the location for an on-campus Starbucks.

possibly longer than the four-year contract Aramark has signed with Laurentian.

The second option would have Laurentian paying for the capital cost, while increasing the amount of funds Aramark pays to the university to recover the cost.

A challenge for the plan, according to McAulay, is the four-year contract with Aramark.

"We're still discussing who pays the capital cost and over what period it will be returned. It's a little interesting when there's only four years left on the contract because we wouldn't expect any new outlet to pay for itself, for its capital costs necessarily in four years. That's part of the discussion."

Aramark is currently rendering what the outlet will look like, while both sides (LU

and Aramark) work on figuring out the cost of the franchise plus the capital costs to renovate the rotunda, if changes are needed.

If the university decides to pay the capital costs of the new outlet, it would leave itself free to not renew Aramark's contract at the end of four years.

"I think it's likely that the university would rather remain flexible. Particularly because we know how important food services are to students, faculty and staff."

Another option is for Aramark to pay for it and to start paying down the capital cost over the four years, having Laurentian buy them out of the new outlet after the four-year period is over.

McAulay estimates that it would take roughly 10 years to pay off a new capital

project, such as the building of the Starbucks outlet.

"Once we have a rendering and a capital cost estimate, which we're sort of in the final stages of, we'll (be able) to make a decision then."

Aramark is expected to staff the new Starbucks outlet, as it presently does with all food outlets on campus.

"These changes are important to student satisfaction, and faculty and staff satisfaction. That's really what (the changes) are focused on, to make sure that the community has the food services that they want."

McAulay said it was apparent that a new coffee shop was needed in the area, and several chains were considered (including another Tim Hortons, a Second Cup and etc.) before Starbucks was settled on.

"When we look at the city, and understanding that there is no Starbucks service in the South End of (Greater Sudbury), looking at the comparative costs of the different franchises, it made sense."

Starbucks would be a franchise that the Greater Sudbury community at-large may also be interested in, she added.

"We need about 22 weeks to build the outlet. There are about 22 weeks before September. So, that's our plan."

In terms of what the Starbucks means to the Laurentian community, McAulay is optimistic about the new outlet's potential.

"I think it's pretty exciting. We've certainly heard that there's less than 100 per cent satisfaction with the food services available on campus, so my goal (is to) improve the offerings on campus and improve quality, price and etc. Our overall goal is to improve the student experience by improving all our food options on campus."

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A year with the SGA: Heroes, zeroes and everything in-between

In September I vowed to cover the SGA, the newsroom is my witness.

Seeing as how one of the SGA VP's had been served with impeachment, but chose to resign, before I was even on the beat, I know it was going to be an interesting year for news.

At the time, it was stated there was a hostile environment in the SGA office. The "hostile" theme plagued the SGA all year.

I did everything I could to infiltrate the ranks of the SGA. I spent countless hours sitting outside of in-camera board meetings, visited the office multiple times on multiple days. I wanted to know everything I could.

What I learned this year was surprising.

In terms of my supposed-disdain of outgoing SGA President Charlie Andrews, those rumours are unfounded. I have always strived for fair coverage in my reporting, and Andrews has always been given a fair chance to get his views across. In fact, I would argue, Andrews and I have had a solid professional relationship all year. The man can be admired for the hours he puts in to his work, and the lengths he will go to fight for students.

My criticism of Andrews in last issue's editorial was not about his dedication, but about his attempt to micro-manage his public image through subtle attempts at media suppression. He didn't want the pub story to run last issue. I understood his view, but elected to run the story



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because it was of interest to the SGA population.

So, with that light shone onto the topic, let's get down to lessons learned from covering the SGA.

There are three kinds of student politicians, to simplify it.

The most important kind is the one who legitimately cares. These special souls go into the job wanting to change things or at least thinking "I can help somewhere, somehow."

Student politicians of this sort need to be thanked, and begged to stick around. Though we are losing a few next year (Mark Mancini and Zach Courtemanche need to be named here, as well as Amber White and Michael Martino).

Before you jump on the Courtemanche and Mancini hate wagon, listen carefully. If it wasn't for their numerous fact-checks, budget questioning and bravery to stand up to criticism, we would know so little. Those who wished to do what they want with your student dollars, could have, relatively unchecked. No

offense to the rest of the board, but who holds feet to the fire like Courtemanche and who has played the unfortunate scapegoat more than Mancini? The board voted heavily in favour of calling for Andrews' resignation, but Mancini was the face for it.

Now, let's talk about Amber White (who should need no introduction). When the CRO quit because of (let's face it) exhaustion and stress, White stepped up. She slid in as SGA Executive Administrator Charles Wilson's right-hand for the election. She pulled an all-nighter at one point during the election and stayed in the SGA office overnight. How's that for dedication?

Mr. Martino deserves a mention for his push to reach quorum. He was out encouraging people to vote. He was democracy's advocate on election day, and he gained my utmost respect for it. He was going through campus, encouraging people to vote on the referendum for LU Pride. I witnessed his drive. He was, and still is, a man on a mission.

The SGA is losing all four of these politicians and the organization will hurt because of it.

To be clear, others might step up to take their place, and I really hope they do, but it will be hard to cope with such a loss at such a critical time in SGA history.

The second kind of student politician is the gainer. These people join the board, or get involved, for personal gain (and not the good kind, like gaining experience or learning).

These people want to build their credentials or gain power to exercise it over others. They are the worst kind of politician at all levels. They use their position to be liked and every decision they make is impulsive and generally exclusive to their benefit. Even when they help people, they do it to be recognized for it. They love the praise and having people make them feel good about themselves. They are the worst—I repeat myself—kind of person. These people can't be counted on for tough decisions and will crumble, every time.

The third student politician type is known for its ineffectiveness. These politicians are apathetic and although they are there, it can easily be forgotten. Typically, these politicians aren't bad people, but they are ineffectively representing students.

Regardless of what types of politician make up the SGA board next year, it should be an exciting and transformative time for the SGA.

After the controversy-filled year we've all lived through (for the most part), next year's SGA executive will have a heavy task on their shoulders (along with the board).

The SGA membership needs an answer next year.

The question is: "Where is the SGA going and is it destined to repeat history?"

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SGA students vote to ‘roll with Rollins’ next year

BY ED VAILLEUX

For incoming SGA President Andy Rollins, a desolate island without the Internet would have been the ideal place to spend election night, March 22, while the ballots were counted.

Instead, Rollins and friends ordered pizza, played NHL 12 and, despite his friendly posse’s best efforts to distract the future president from the votes race, the SGA website was refreshed roughly “every five minutes,” according to Rollins.

“It was really, really nerve-wracking,” the soon-to-be president recounted. “It was the most nerve-wracking night of my life. We actually stayed up until 6:30 a.m. when the last poll was counted (and uploaded) on the website. We celebrated for a bit and then went to bed.”

The first people, aside from the people who spent the night awake with Rollins, to congratulate the incoming president were his parents.

“When I was going to bed, my parents had just woken up and they checked out the SGA website. When my head hit the pillow, they were calling me to say congratulations. They were just getting up to go to work.”

The next president got up around 11:30 a.m. the next day, Friday, in order to catch a bus back home to Brantford.

“I was with family the whole weekend, until Sunday. It was nice to get away after all that stress

(from campaigning and election night).”

The presidential race heated up on vote-counting night with 596 votes counted (13 of the 18 polling stations), as SGA presidential candidate Rollins took a 160-vote lead.

Steve Sutherland, the second presidential candidate, made up some ground when the fourteenth station was counted, closing the gap to 114.

But, in the end, Rollins held on to the lead, amassing 460, to win by more than 100 votes.

Though the next president is ecstatic about his victory, his eye is to the future.

“Being president now feels great and sometimes I don’t even believe it. I’m ready to work my hardest for the SGA students because they deserve it from their president. Every minute of my time will be put into helping them and making sure their quality of life is better.”

Rollins admitted he was surprised by his election win over Sutherland, and added he had nothing but admiration for his rival.

“Steve ran an awesome campaign. He is a great guy and I’m glad I got to run against him because he taught me a few things on the campaign trail and I think I got to teach him a few things. We had said before the voting started that whoever the school wants, they’re going to be in good hands. But, to even win was a surprise and I was very happy about it.”



Photo by Ryan Neal

Incoming SGA President Andy Rollins listens to other candidates during election debates in the Alumni Hall.

The incoming president, who takes office on May 1, said he has been overwhelmed by the outpouring of congratulations and well-wishing from the Laurentian community so far.

“It’s been overwhelming to see how many people are supportive

and how many people are ready for a great year next year.”

Rollins’ first priority is to unify the SGA executive. The president said he has already met with returning VP Services Iain Park, and the two are mutually optimistic about next year.

“(Park) has a lot of great ideas and we work well together. We both agreed that next year there is going to be a lot more communication. Iain is on board.”

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Park, Rollins and Shook win elections

BY ED VAILLEUX

The SGA executive will have a new twist with a touch of the old for next year.

The ballots are counted and the results are in for the SGA elections at Laurentian University.

Newly-elected SGA President Andy Rollins, VP Issues Jarrod Shook and returning VP Services Iain Park will make up next year’s executive.

The ballot counting started just after 7 p.m. and, by just after 6:10 a.m., the SGA

election officials had counted the eighteenth and final polling station.

In total, 914 people voted, equaling roughly 17.9 per cent of the SGA population. Quorum (the amount of votes needed to make the election results official) for the SGA election is 15 per cent, or roughly 765 votes. Having tallied 914 votes, the election results will stand.

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The VP issues race was neck-and-neck right to the end, as Jarrod Shook totaled 253 votes, edging Nathan Knott by 32, and Olivia Coady by 46.

The VP Services race was a landslide

victory for incumbent Iain Park, as he took home nearly double the votes of his nearest competitor.

McKenna Elsasser took home top votes for a senator at 406, and never looked back after taking an early lead. Chloe Mirfield took the second senator seat with 364 votes. The third, and final, seat was snatched by Chris MacCulloagh with 318 votes, narrowly edging Sarah Williams (273 votes).

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Park for party: episode II

BY KALLIE BERENS

For the second year in a row, Communication Studies student Iain Park will be working for students as vice-president of student services as part of the newly-elected SGA executive.

Park has new plans for the new school year, including a two-day frosh concert event to take place at the Grace Hartman Amphitheatre, as well as some of his own governance ideas.

"We need to work on some policy issues at the SGA," said Park, "I have some of my own ideas, but I try and change policies that will make a difference to students every day."

Park mentioned amending the current rule that students are limited to one non-LU guest at ticketed events on campus.

"That's absolutely ridiculous," Park said, "it has to be changed and I'm very confident that it will be changed."

When asked what his biggest accomplishment was this past year, Park said, "bringing all those concerts, definitely. There wasn't a lot of bright points in this year, but that definitely was one of them."

For Park, the Adventure Club concert which took place in early December was his best memory - "it was a really successful show," he said, and noted that the main part of the event

was to raise money for cancer research.

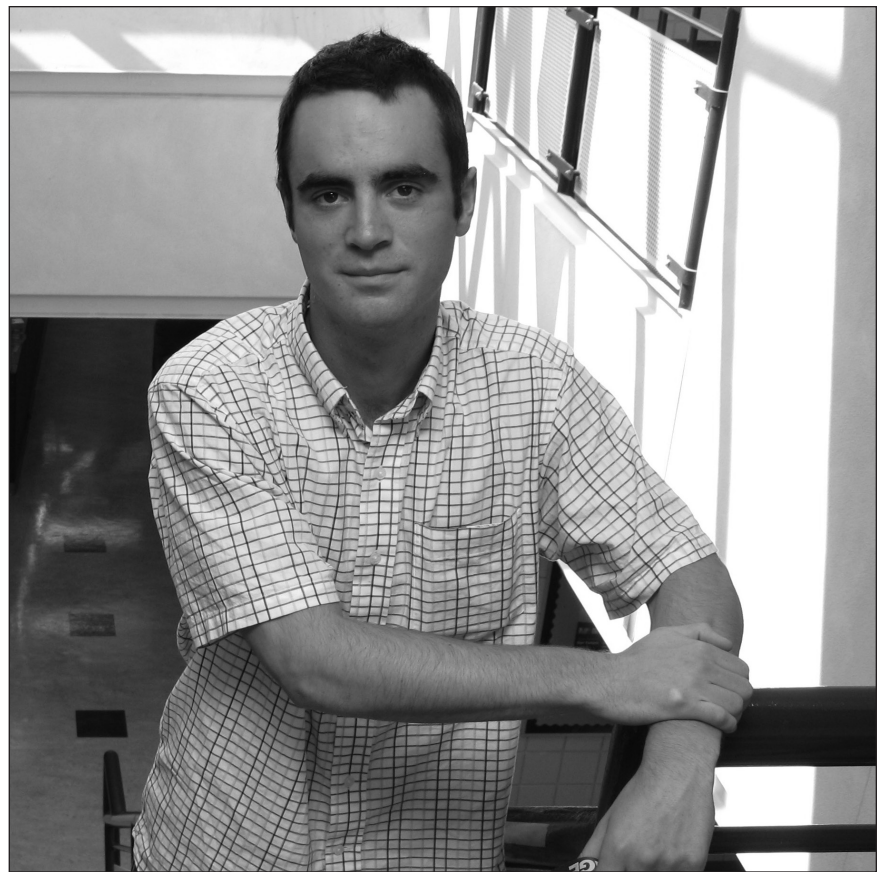
The re-election campaign was "just as hard as the first time" for Park, and talked about his key to success. "I just had to go around talking to people," said Park, "you'd run into some students that weren't very happy with you, you just have to explain to them that you don't try to fire people to get turntables and that was kind of irritating, when people do that. It's not cool when people tell lies about you."

Park said that he is "pretty confident," that newly-elected SGA president Andy Rollins will "work out quite well - he seems like he's a rational person, and there won't be any problems unless someone is irrational."

Said Park, "hopefully we just have a smooth, productive year"
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Iain Park poses in the Student Centre, just outside the SGA office. He was re-elected to be the SGA VP Services.



Newly-elected senators look to voice student concerns next year

BY MATT RABEY

Laurentian University's senators for next year Have been elected.

Third-year Biology major McKenna Elasser, first-year Biology major Chris MacCullough and third-year History/Political Science major Chloë Mirfield were selected, of the five candidates in the race.

A senator represents the SGA and sits on the Board of Governors. They attend monthly senate meetings to discuss academic plans for Laurentian University.

Next year, MacCullough has plans to figure out what students want from their senate.

"I want to release my email and Facebook (email: cb_maccullough@laurentian.ca, Facebook: Chris MacC) to students. Whenever I get the chance to see people, I will. I really want to get out there as much as possible."

Elasser also thinks it's

important to engage students and has her own unique plans to do so. "We need a comment box for students to voice their concerns, perhaps in the games room or student lounge."

Senators are able to sit on various committees on behalf of the students, aside from their senate duties. Elasser plans to take that opportunity.

"I want to sit on the professorship committee because a big thing that I would like to push for is more teachers," Elasser said. "We have a habit of hiring sessionals and they don't get paid a whole lot of money, but we do need more teachers anyway. There are a lot of PhD students coming out of their post docs and they're looking for jobs so we could be hiring them here instead of not having a proper course load for people."

Incumbent senators Mark Mancini and Zach Courtemanche put forward a motion to ensure

that professors provide a clear rubric for students to show how the mark break down works.

Mirfield, who is committed to continuing the work that Mancini and Courtemanche began, said: "We have no clear and up-to-date policy on how we are to mark people and I've noticed it in my work, I've noticed it in other people's work when they've gone to speak with their professors about it and it's really important. We need to get it done and we need to get it done fast."

Each of the senators elect has ideas as to what they would like to accomplish on behalf of the students.

Elasser said: "Over the summer I'm going to be looking through the constitution (because) I want to strengthen it. I'm going to have a lot of ideas and I know that we'll be getting the executive and the senate together to discuss plans and figure things out."

Mirfield has a project in regards

to the use of Turn-it-in software. The software allows teachers to digitally scan a students' work to find plagiarism. The danger, according to the software's critics, is that the company gains the intellectual copyright of any work it scans.

Mirfield said: "I would love to have it banned, it would be great to have it banned. I could see where I'll meet much resistance with that and I could see where that won't happen, but at the very least we need to have provisions in place that say if you are going to use it you need to put it in your syllabus and not at the bottom."

Mirfield continued, "We just need to have a clear provision that says 'OK, if you are going to use it these are the things you need to meet and these are the rights of students who chose not to go down that path.'"

MacCullough attended SGA board meetings on a regular basis this past year and found an issue

that he wants to address in the upcoming year.

"The constitution is kind of loosely-worded right now, in my opinion, and I want to strengthen it in some respects. I want to make it so that if we're having issues with the constitution we either enforce the constitution or, if everyone doesn't agree with it, we change the constitution."

Despite a campaign that saw the senators campaign against one another, they are committed to working as a team as SGA representatives, Mirfield said: "I'm very excited and happy with everyone who got elected. Everyone was very supportive and helpful. I think we are going to have a lot of very committed people that have already proven they can work together, even when they are competing against each other."

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The future of the Free Store

BY LIANNA PISANI

The Laurentian University student-run Free Store has been on campus since February 2011, and recently celebrated its first anniversary. The volunteers of The Free Store have been discussing future plans and how they can better the store and its presence on campus.

In order to make organizing and managing the store less stressful for volunteers, they have decided to put together a committee. Nadine Olivier was the manager for the 2011-12 school year, and the volunteers have decided that the manager of the store next year will require more support so that “nobody feels burdened,” as Olivier put it.

“It’s really stressful for one person to manage advertising, and marketing, and making the store look good and making sure things are kept track of in a certain way, and to rotate stock,” comments Angele Sabourin, a store volunteer.

Sabourin continues, “During our last meeting we discussed the option of a committee, which is about 5 or 6 people... the most dedicated volunteers. We have separate tasks; there is still one manager that we have. But that managerial position is still only one small part.”

Each of the volunteers will be delegated a specific task for the year, which will mean that each member on the committee is reliant on the other volunteers. The tasks for the volunteers on the committee include things like social networking, keeping tracking of donations in and out of the store, cleanliness and the store front, and

training volunteers, says Olivier.

“We are still getting people who still don’t know about the Free Store, so I think our future as a Free Store is to get more advertising, get through to people more and talk to people more about the Free Store,” says Olivier.

“And to get people more comfortable with the idea of being able to take something that’s free,” Sabourin adds. “We know where the fluctuations are now.”

The Free Store hopes to be receiving a number of donations from the students of West Residence, who have been advised to leave any items they no longer want in the buildings once they move out for the summer. Free Store volunteers will go pick up the items at the end of the month.

Alissa Droog, a first-year student, volunteered at the store for the majority of this past school year. “This was my first year at university, and it’s also my first year volunteering at the Free Store, and even being introduced to the idea. My next-door neighbour in residence volunteered here, and she was the one that told me about it, and said, ‘you have to get involved; it’s really awesome.’ It’s actually been a really cool experience. I’ve seen people and I’ve helped people out. They come in and find something that they really, really needed. To see their smile— they’re so happy that they don’t have to take a bus somewhere to go find something. People are so excited to get things that are free.”

“I’m hoping I have time next year,” Droog adds.

Nadine Olivier is sad to be parting from the Free Store, as



Photo by Ryan Neal

This Darth Vader piece is among the items available at the Free Store.

one of the project initiators, but enjoyed her position as manager this past year. “It’s been overwhelming at times,

but I had a blast doing this. I think this is an experience I’ll never forget.... Throughout this year, I’ve met new people, I’ve gotten a whole new wardrobe at the same time. I’m really happy,” she says.

“I hope that other students will take that initiative to get involved

in it, because there are so many rewards in it,” says Olivier.

The Free Store is requesting volunteers to commit to helping the store in the 2012-13 academic year.

“At the beginning of the year, we recruit a lot of volunteers, but we are at the end of the year, and we are very low on volunteers,” Sabourin notes.

Because the Free Store is entirely run by students, it is really

easy to become involved. “If students want to volunteer, they can just come in and volunteer,” says Olivier.

If interested, visit the Free Store’s Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/thefreestore>. lm_pisani@laurentian.ca

SGA elections bring in 934 votes

BY RYEN VELDHUIS

Now that the SGA elections are over and all the numbers have been compiled, it’s official the SGA has met quorum, with a turnout of 934 votes.

“We made quorum this year,” says current VP of Issues Micheal Martino. “We didn’t make quorum last year (on the first election). It shows us that the interest in the SGA has increased.” During the elections days, March 21 and March 22, poll clerks beckoned and encouraged students to vote.

Martino says he isn’t quite sure why making quorum and having students come out to vote is a problem.

“I am very disillusioned by the amount of apathy I see within our species quite frankly,” says Martino. “I was hoping that a university would be a microcosm of the ideal that could be our larger society; but although we have seen some improvements—and I’m very glad we’ve seen those improvements, especially in the interest we’ve generated in the past year— I do feel

that there is way too much student apathy and not enough student involvement in the politics that dictate their academic learning environment.”

Several students who did not vote gave no comment as to why they didn’t; but others who did, like Angele Sabourin, a third-year Zoology student, and Alison Weslake, a second-year student, were both willing to comment on why they thought voting was important.

“I believe in voting and I think it’s a right

that everyone has and should take hold of; because that’s what you should do with your rights,” says Sabourin.

Weslake added: “I think everyone needs to have a say. If you don’t vote, then you really don’t have input on anything.”

There are definitely students who are motivated to vote and are not apathetic towards the SGA; but there is clearly, according to Martino, way too much student apathy.

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Nootchtai to compete in Miss World pageant

BY MATT RABEY

The Miss World pageant is the oldest surviving major international beauty pageant according to its website and in 2012, Laurentian University's Kelly Nootchtai will be competing to represent Canada. Nootchtai is a third-year double major in Philosophy and Native Studies. She is an aboriginal woman from Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, growing up on the reserve.

She has been interested in pageantry since 18 and states, "I enjoy getting to know new people, meeting people and making new friends."

Nootchtai has been the cover model for the 2011 Maclean's magazine university ranking's edition and states:

"This along with all of my accomplishments has opened up doors for me. I have been speaking to youth about making the right

decisions based on education, taking chances and stepping forward."

Nootchtai believes in being a good role model and setting an example for the younger generation:

"I like to put my life into perspective to give others hope that they too can do great things with their life if they really strive for it. Being a role model in the community and, most importantly to aboriginal youth, is something I love to be and strive to be my best at. I focus on doing good things so that youth see that positivity is a great thing."

The Miss World Canada pageant is on May 13 at the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond, B.C., and will feature contestants from across Canada.

Nootchtai is also a youth speaker and offered this encouragement:

"A few things that I like to include when I speak to youth are that there

was something in my life that I overcame with the help of family, friends, teachers and peers; pageantry and how it's opened up many doors, the growth of my self-esteem over the years and most importantly aspects of my life that I have lost and aspects that I have gained."

She continued: "None of my accomplishments could have been done without the support that I received."

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Photo by Ryan Neal

Laurentian student Kelly Nootchtai is competing in the Miss World pageant on May 13.

LUCA raises money with toga party

BY MATT RABEY

On March 15, the Laurentian University Classics Association, or LUCA, put on a toga party at Zigs. The event raised \$430 for Réseau ACCESS Network.

The event, which had approximately 30 in attendance, was a success according to Amber White, President of LUCA.

"Mike Martino and the staff at the SGA graciously matched our donation, which was originally \$215, in order to make it a more successful event."

The day of the toga party had special significance as White explained:

"The event was a Toga themed event on Thursday, March 15, which is in the Classic World, known as the ides of March, for the layman it is the day when Julius Caesar was stabbed by the senate."

The event featured drinking, dancing and pleasure packs containing

condoms and lube from the SGA.

"Even though it was a small crowd it was a mighty turnout, everyone had a great time. Drinks were flowing, people were dancing, it was really great. We had a great host, a great venue and we only were supported by, specifically Mike Martino, Zigs, and Access AIDS (as) they allowed us to use their logo" said White.

"We're happy to contribute to the community more than anything. It's about reaching outside of this environment, pushing personal boundaries and making sure that people have their causes known and supported the best we can."

The \$430 that was raised will provide two people with access to Réseau ACCESS Network's food bank and nutritional program for one month.

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Photo by Nathan Knott

LUCA held a toga party at Zigs on March 15, and raised \$430 for charity.

Laurentian student to compete in Miss Northern Ontario pageant

BY WILLIE POLL

Laurentian's Jaymie Hancock will be competing in this year's Miss Northern Ontario Beauty pageant.

"I was contacted by the President of the pageant and knew some girls who had done this pageant previously and it sounded like a great opportunity and experience so I'm going for it," Hancock said. "I'm looking forward to making 40 new friends and excelling in being the best I can be."

Some people think pageants are similar to modeling, but there are a few distinct differences. Pageants do not only focus on outer beauty, but also community involvement, volunteer work, and valuable skills.

"The experience is great and we also get to do a lot of charity work, so this year our charity is northern Ontario's families of children with Cancer," Hancock said. "Basically each delegate has to do a fundraiser and all the proceeds go towards that, depending on how much you raise there is awards for different categories."

Hancock said the pageant requires extensive work.

"There is a lot to do during pageant weekend," Hancock said. "In this particular pageant, we have work shops that cover everything from public speaking, perfecting interviews, to photo

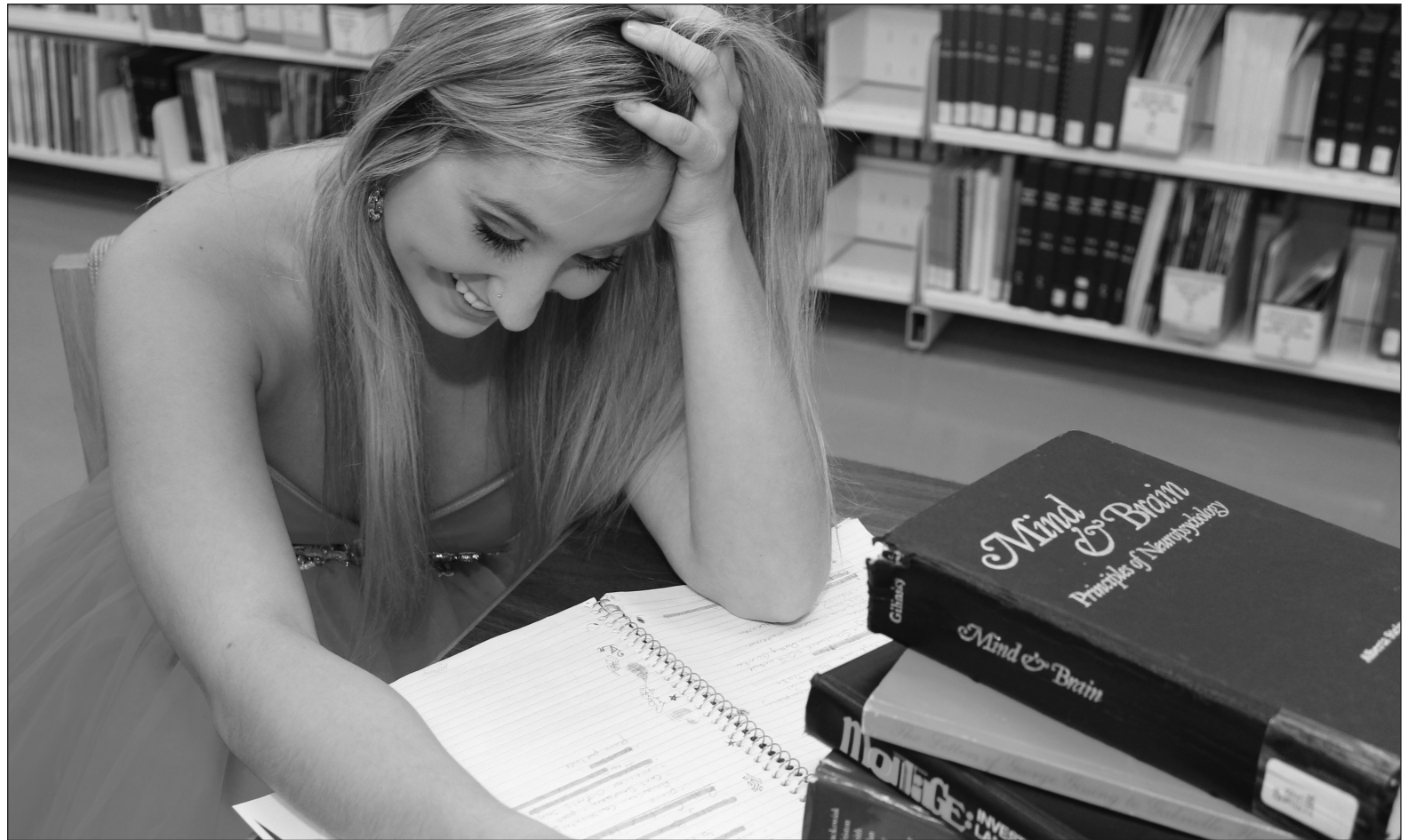


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LU student Jaymie Hancock poses for a picture in the library. She will be competing May 10, in the Miss Northern Ontario pageant, in the Fraser Auditorium.

shoots and etiquette classes. We have a pre-evening gala, final night gala banquet for friends and family and a final show including the crowning and other awards."

Pageants are becoming more popular within Canada, but the costs make it a difficult hobby to have, said Hancock.

"An average pageant gown can cost anywhere from \$100 to \$700 I believe, but the price should be priceless," Hancock said. "It's all about how it fits, the most expensive is not always the best dress. You have to feel comfortable and beautiful in it. There is a \$300 initial fee to be paid covering your meals, hotel,

workshops, training, delegate dress, jewelry, hair and make up for the weekend. The rest is normally paid by the delegates sponsors, in this particular pageants case it was another \$600 needed which covers the many other expenses of the pageant."

Hancock's fundraiser will

take place on May 4 and 5 for the Northern Ontario's Families of Children with Cancer charity. The pageant will take place May 10 in the Fraser auditorium. You can vote for the Peoples Choice award at www.missnorthernontario.com starting April 15. lambda@laurentian.ca

Demianiuk: Number of benefits to residence life

BY WILLIE POLL

It is not a rare sight to see fourth-year students living in residence here at Laurentian University, and this could be for a number of reasons.

Apartments in Sudbury can sometimes be costly, and far from the school, and without a car this can be an inconvenience. Also, there are numerous events that are specific to residence students that attract people to living on residence, such as Sunday sports events, residence formal, and more.

"I think students chose to live in residence for a number of different reasons," Benjamin Demianiuk, manager of residences, said. "I think the first would be the convenience of being on campus, being close to the library, athletic facilities and classes. The second reason would be the services that are offered in residence. We have an amazing team that puts on great programming and activities for the students."

Of course, not everyone can live on residence, as Laurentian has a

limited number of rooms, so how does Laurentian decide who is accepted and who is not?

"The residence draw is for returning and upper-year students who have applied to live in residence," Demianiuk said. "It is a computer generated lottery which ensures it is fair for all of the students who have applied."

The reason the draw only incorporates returning students is because first years automatically have residence.

"All first-year students, who are

graduating this year from high school, that apply to either UC or SSR by the June 1 deadline and have a minimum 75 per cent average will be guaranteed a spot in residence," Demianiuk said. "This year, we had just over 900 upper year/returning students apply for residence by the February 3 deadline. Out of this number we will have offered 750 students."

The new building will offer 236 new beds to returning students. lambda@laurentian.ca

SGA Senator pushes for online syllabi

BY RAFIQ RAHEMTULLA

At senate's regular February meeting SGA Senator Zachary Courtemanche proposed a policy that would make each course syllabus available online to students at the time of registration. This policy did include a provision for professors to be granted exceptions on a case-by-case basis, similar to the university's policy on posting old exams on the library's website.

Following a comprehensive discussion with students, professors and administrators Courtemanche moved, and the senate agreed, that this proposal should be sent to the

Teaching and Learning Committee to examine the details, particularly around the implementation and enforcement of this policy, before making a decision. This committee is to report their recommendations to the senate as a whole at their regular June meeting.

Courtemanche argued that this policy would benefit students, faculty and administrative units alike. Students would be better able to appraise courses at the time of registration reducing the number of course changes in the first two weeks of the semester. He also believes this can be used

to showcase the university's course offerings to prospective students.

Dr. Elizabeth Dawes, the Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities, expressed her full support for this proposition. She talked about how, in a previous academic post, she analyzed course outlines between five sections of the same course to find that students received significantly different workloads.

Sage Hyden, a Barrie campus student, and Dr. Bernadette Schell, the Vice-Provost of that campus, shared their concerns about how this policy would work in Barrie. Namely, their different timetable

and their use of Georgian College faculty for several courses may cause difficulty implementing this policy in the Barrie campus.

The difficulty for professors and support staff to post on the Laurentian website as well as the difficulty students have in finding content on it were concerns raised by Dr. Alexis Shotwell of the Philosophy Department. In addition, Shotwell cautioned the senate that a course syllabus can be seen as a contract between the professor and the student and that some professor may view their syllabi as their intellectual property.

Other concerns raised were penalties for professors who do not post their syllabi in time, students selecting course sections with the lowest workload, restricting professors from modifying their courses based on student interests and current issues, as well as part-time faculty who are often not hired to teach courses until after the start of the registration period.

Courtemanche reported that in Ontario, Carleton, Queen's and the University of Ottawa already have similar policies.
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Quebec campuses on fire over proposed fees

BY ANDY VEILLEUX

It's no secret that Quebec students are up in arms over provincial tuition fee hikes, which will see their tuition rise by an average of \$325 a year for five years, totaling \$1,625.

Students currently pay an average of \$2,519 a year for education in Quebec, which is the lowest tuition in the country.

The fee increase, up to an average of \$4,144, in Quebec would put La Belle Province in the middle of the pack among Canadian provinces.

Our French comrades – we are all students, after all – will still not suffer from the absurd tuition fees Ontario students do.

Ontario students have the highest tuition in the country at an average hit of \$6,640 a year for tuition.

My move to Memorial University of Newfoundland, from Laurentian University, puts me in the unique experience of having seen the extreme difference in funding.

Newfoundland and Labrador have the second-lowest post-secondary education fees

in the country at an average of \$2,649 a year.

Not everybody can, or desires to, pack their bags and move across the country. Education has become a necessity in Canadian, and Western society.

Gone are the days where one can drop out of high school and become a back-pack miner or labourer.

That no longer pays the bills in today's technologically-advanced work place.

The high cost of education is a necessary evil.

I have heard the same argument made over the years, at every institution I have attended, and I bet you have as well.

A disgruntled student declares, "Why are we paying so much for an education we can get from reading books?"

While the student is not completely wrong, this view of education is brutally simple.

The answer is as simple as this common view.

We live in a meritocracy where pieces of paper -commonly referred to as degrees,

diplomas, or certificates – allow individuals to step up into bigger, better jobs.

I'm not agreeing with the concept, but this is the reality in which we live.

Also, education is not as simple as reading a book and becoming educated.

Sure, books can teach you some of what you are learning in class rooms, and we have all had those horrible teachers who just PowerPoint their way through classes by summarizing textbooks.

However, we have also all had those professors that care and are intelligent.

They help us dissect difficult material – Kant's Critique of Pure Reason anyone? – and make the connections between seemingly isolated events and concepts.

You don't always get what you pay for in life, but education is one of the things where you generally do.

The professors teaching you have spent a minimum of around ten years – with some exceptions – dealing with the content they are teaching you.

Good professors do not come cheap, as they generally have big salaries.

Take one look at the Sunshine List – Ontario's list of people working in the public sector making over \$100,000 a year – and you will see it is populated with professors.

The libraries you have access to as a student are expensive. They constantly purchase new material and upkeep the old.

The copyright fees – if your university pays them – are also costly.

The tuition in provinces at the lower end of the pay-scale are heavily subsidized by provincial governments, which puts stress on provincial budgets.

I sympathize with students who don't want to pay higher tuition – there is a reason I migrated provinces – but it is unsustainable for some provinces to keep tuition so low, and that is the case for Quebec.

Quebec students should be thankful they are not paying Ontario fees.
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Cambrian college suspends program linked to Communications agreement

BY LIANNA PISANI

On March 22, Cambrian College announced the suspension of nine programs, including Journalism.

Laurentian University has a standing agreement with the college that allows Communications-degree students to complete their final year of study at Cambrian in a related program— and allows graduates from these programs at Cambrian to obtain a Communications degree from Laurentian with fewer course requirements.

Currently, the Laurentian website links the Communications program to Advertising and Journalism, Public Relations, or Graphic Design. Advertising was suspended by Cambrian college in March 2008; Journalism has been suspended in March 2012.

Paulina Siller, a third-year Communications student,

originally planned to attend the Advertising program.

“I wanted to go into publicity and advertisement... I was taking the agreement. Now I have no choice but to go for PR.”

She adds, “What if I wanted to go into Journalism, and that was my plan?” Siller is worried that some students will be forced to quickly rethink their plans for the coming school year.

Siller is also concerned with Communications students needing to attend school out of town to specialize their Communications degrees. “If I don’t find another college that will give me the same agreement that Cambrian will, I’m going to have to finish the full degree of Communications [at Laurentian]... and then have to go to another school for a couple of years to specialize. I have to go out of town,” she says.

Carlos Siller is also a

Communications student from Laurentian, currently enrolled in Public Relations at Cambrian as the final year of his degree.

“My experience at Cambrian College has been great,” comments Carlos Siller. “The group of people who came from Laurentian to specialize in Public Relations is wonderful, and we are very close to each other, and we all get along very nicely.”

Siller has been attending Cambrian College since September 2011, and enjoys the opportunities he has been given. He explains, “We are learning a lot at Cambrian about Public Relations. In this program, we are not just learning the theory, but we are actually applying and practicing what we learn to assignments and projects. In some projects we are actually working for real clients. That is not only a great way to learn, but it is also a great experience and

a great opportunity to do some professional networking.”

Siller feels that specializing in a program at Cambrian can be beneficial to other Laurentian students, depending on the career path they have chosen. “If they want to specialize in one of the different areas of communications that Cambrian College offers, and they feel having a specialization would be useful for them towards their professional life, then I would strongly recommend going to Cambrian College for their final year,” he says.

Although the Journalism program has been suspended,

the Public Relations and Graphic Design programs are still available to Laurentian Communications degree students. “It is a shame that the Journalism program was cut, because many Communications students could have excelled in this specialty, and I am sure many of them were interested in specializing in journalism. However, I am very glad that the Public Relations program was saved,” says Siller.

He adds, “When they suddenly close programs like that, some of the students have to change their plans in the middle of their degree. I don’t think that is fair.”

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Elsasser organizes Science and Politics event

BY RYEN VELDHUIS

On March 21, Science and Politics Between the Sheets was held at the Living with Lakes Centre. This event was organised by McKenna Elsasser, recently elected SGA Senator for the 2012-2013 year.

“We’ve got a variety of professors here from different fields of study,” she says. “We’re going to talk about how science and politics are related. There’s a huge gap there in government today and the goal is just to get talking about it. We’re going to have a lot of discussion about the importance of science in government and how we can both work conservation with safe economics.”

Speakers that night included Dr. John Gunn, the Director of the Living with Lakes Centre; Dr. Tom Johnston; Dr. David Robertson; Dr. Michael Yeo; Dr. François Dépelteau and Dr. Albrecht Schulte-Hostedde.

Each speaker brought a short presentation surrounding the

common topic of science and politics while taking questions afterwards and engaging in discussion.

“(The idea) came from my friends,” Elsasser says. “I’m in biology but I’m very passionate about politics so I have friends in both sides and I’ve noticed with my political science friends they’re not too interested in conservation or environmental science, and my biology friends don’t really care to vote or don’t really know what’s going on in Canadian politics and I think that’s a huge problem. I think if we’re going to manage to keep our environment safe and run Canada without making it crash into the ground economically, we need to better understand each other. I would like to bridge the gap between those.”

Approximately 70 people attended the event. “I’m really impressed by the number of people that came out and by the variety of different people that came out,” Elsasser says. One of the attendants was SGA Senator

Zach Courtemanche.

“Ultimately I think it is a unique idea to get knowledge-gatherers together with decision-makers on a stand point where they can collaborate and try to work together and I think bridging that gap is the idea (McKenna) expressed and I think it makes a lot of sense to pursue it,” Courtemanche says. “I think what I was looking for ideally was an integration between the two from all the speakers as best they could and I think I’m seeing that.”

Laurentian’s David Robertson was invited to speak at the event.

“It’s lots of fun,” Robertson says. “People were going off in different directions and I think there are some debates that haven’t been followed up, but it was fun.”

Robertson adds: “It’s quite easy to imagine that coming out of this would be a push for some kind of ongoing seminar or programme for elite students that mixed policy and science.”

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Charles Wilson is Silver Surfer



BY ED VAILLEUX

Charles Wilson is many things for the SGA: finance manager, policy reader, guidance giver and, most importantly, saviour.

Without Wilson, the SGA would have been up in flames this year.

While the office was swirling around him, Wilson went about his work.

There isn't a policy Wilson doesn't know, and there isn't a topic the man can't shed some light on.

The Silver Surfer is the perfect fit for Wilson.

The Surfer defends what he believes in, is always there to lend a hand (on a galactic scale), and

The Silver Surfer is a living battery,

incapable of being slowed down. He doesn't require food, air, drinks or sleep. Some would argue Charles Wilson went without those necessities for quite some time during the SGA election voting days.

Though Wilson is much more subtle than Silver Surfer and his reflexive skin and surfboard, he makes quite the difference in the SGA.

If any hero is worthy to be compared to Charles Wilson, it is Silver Surfer – arguably the most powerful hero in the Marvel Universe, and always willing to fight for a worthwhile cause.

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Silver Surfer is arguably the most powerful hero in the Marvel Universe. He can often be found saving Earth, as well as the universe, from peril... Much like Charles Wilson attempts to do for the SGA.



Arkells rock Laurentian

BY KALLIE BERENS

Less than six months have passed since the Arkells have released their second full-length album, *Michigan Left*, and less than twenty-four hours after they played a show at Laurentian's Great Hall, they won a Juno award for Group of the Year.

"This is our first time in Sudbury," lead singer and guitarist Max Kerman said in between songs. The Hamilton, Ontario-based band played an hour-long set of original material with a few covers thrown in, including a cover of the Hall and Oates song *You Make My Dreams Come True*.

The Arkells have recently returned from the SXSW music festival in Texas, where they played two shows, and are playing at the Osheaga music festival this summer in Montreal.

Mike DiAngelis, the band's guitarist, said that on a scale from one to ten, the band is "really excited - I'll give it about a ten. It's going to be a lot of fun."

DiAngelis said that although this was the band's first time playing a show in Sudbury, he has been here before, and thinks that the city has "a Northern town feel with all the rocks."

The Hall and Oates cover played during the set is something

they incorporate into other shows as well, most frequently with fellow Canadian musician Lights.

"Two days ago we were in Ottawa and she performed *You Make My Dreams Come True* with us," said DiAngelis.

"Collaborations like those onstage are a lot of fun, and we're pretty open about it. We like to have the opening bands up, and when we open for a band and they bring us up we really appreciate it," he said. At the show the opening band, Toledo, joined them in the final song with additional vocals and guitar.

"We don't really like too many lines between [sets], we're all musicians in the end."

The Arkells got their name from a street in Hamilton, and their first full-length album, *Jackson Square*, is named after a mall in the city's downtown area.

"On one hand, we thought it was just kind of a nice sounding name," said DiAngelis. "But people from Hamilton really identify with it because it's a really run-down mall right in the centre of town, and there's a great mixture of people who end up flowing from it. The students from the West, and the Hamiltonians from the East in the mountains. If you go there on a sunny afternoon in the middle of

summer, you see quite the variety of people flowing through and it's interesting. It's kind of an ode to Hamilton."

DiAngelis' favourite concert experiences come from his time in university, mentioning acts such as Joel Plaskett Emergency, Matt Mays and El Torpedo and the Constantines, with the last act

described as having the same effect as "having your face melted off."

"Those shows are the ones that really stuck with me."

When asked what song he memorized all of the lyrics to first, DiAngelis described his answers as "really embarrassing" but said it was probably *Dammit* by Blink-182 or *Ice Ice Baby* by

Vanilla Ice.

The band will be embarking on a North American tour with 43 stops from April 14 to June 9. kallie.berens@gmail.com



Photos by Ryan Neal

The Arkells played to a crowd of roughly 150 students in the Great Hall on March 30.



Ratte developing into core player for Voyageurs



Photo by Ron Guillet

Alex Ratte had 278 points in his rookie season.

BY RON GUILLET

Rookie Alex Ratte was a key contributor for the Laurentian Voyageurs this season, and if his offensive output continues to develop, he may well vault the team to the next level.

The 21-year-old Sports and Physical Education student produced 278 points to average 14.6 points-per-game. He also logged the third-most minutes among the Voyageurs with 28.2 minutes-per-game. He helped the team attain the Ontario University Athletics Quarter-Final and its best record since the 2000-01 season.

Ratte played in his first season with the Voyageurs but is in his third year of university. He initially had no interest in playing basketball but could no longer refrain himself from the game. Ratte's experience in basketball goes back to elementary school.

"I started playing basketball in Grade 6," Ratte said. "I only played high school basketball until Grade 12 and then I joined a competitive team. I learned most of my skills by playing on outdoor courts most of my life. First two years of university I decided not to play on the varsity team as I wanted to focus on school, but I started to miss the game, so I decided to play this year."

Ratte said he tries to absorb plays he sees from professional players to add new dimensions to his game.

"It's hard to have the same exact skills as another player," Ratte said. "Although I really enjoy Dwayne Wade's game and I try and watch his highlight videos and try and collect some of his moves and practice them."

Ratte said his game has developed since joining the Voyageurs.

"I would say most of my life I have been a one-on-one player, but this year has thought me to become more of an all around player," Ratte said. "However, I still love to score the ball and take my defender one-on-one."

Ratte doesn't plan on playing basketball competitively after the Voyageurs, but said he'll always play for fun with friends.

Ratte said basketball is more than just a game for him.

"Basketball has thought me many things about life, and whenever I need to take my mind off of things it's an important tool for me," Ratte said. ronguillet@gmail.com

Simpson takes next step in sophomore season

BY RON GUILLET

If this season is any indication, Erin Simpson will be a force for the Laurentian Lady Vees for years to come.

The 20-year-old Sports Psychology student amassed 226 points for 10.3 points-per-game, which led the Lady Vees in both categories, while averaging 26.3 minutes-per-game. Simpson had 165 points and 7.5 points-per-game while averaging 18.4 minutes-per-game in the 2010-11 season, so it's evident that she thrived with the

added minutes. While the team had a disappointing season overall, the individual successes of players such as Simpson is something to build on.

Simpson started playing basketball in Grade 7 for her school team in Lively. She had then decided to try for a club team named the Sudbury Lakers in Grade 8 and remained there for four years. During her time in high school, Simpson also played for the Lockerby Composite school team. In Grade 12, she moved on from

Lakers to the Sudbury Selects for club play.

Simpson said she doesn't attempt to be like any professional player in specific but tries to focus on the fundamentals to progress her game.

"I don't really model my game after anyone in specific but I really love to watch certain players and aspire to be like them," Simpson said. "One example is Skylar Diggins, who isn't a professional yet but plays for Notre Dame."

Simpson describes herself as

a "very offensive-minded player." While she understands the importance of a two-way game, she said scoring comes more naturally to her.

Simpson said she hopes to continue playing basketball after her career with the Lady Vees comes to a close.

"After my University career I aspire to play overseas for a couple of years," Simpson said. "I would love to keep playing for as long as I can."

Simpson said she can't imagine

her life without basketball and doesn't envision not playing any time soon.

"Basketball has impacted my life in a huge way," Simpson said. "I haven't stopped playing since I started and I cannot imagine my life without it. I have made a lot of sacrifices so I could get better and play at a high level."

Simpson has three years of eligibility remaining with the developing Lady Vees. ronguillet@gmail.com

Ball wraps up impressive season with Lady Vees

BY RON GUILLET

With spring blooming and the snow dissipated, Laurentian Lady Vee nordic skier Candace Ball has wrapped up an impressive season.

Ball's season officially came to a close on March 24 at the Canadian Colleges and Universities Nordic Championships at Mont-Saint-Anne, Quebec. Prior to that, Ball had competed in the Ontario University Athletics Nordic Ski Championships and represented Laurentian well, finishing 10th overall and was named an OUA All-Star for her efforts.

Ball said the OUA Nordic Ski Championships went well and provided her with an opportunity to progress as a skier.

"It was a great experience," Ball said. "They were held on campus, so we got to the unique experience of racing on our

home trails. The trails themselves were in perfect condition, and the competition this year was tough, making for exciting racing and a real opportunity to test myself."

Ball said the season has been arduous but the hard work has produced results for the third-year Kinesiology student.

"This season has been long, but good," Ball said. "We've travelled to Thunderbay, Timmins, Ottawa and Collingwood for races. I have had a few personal bests this season, including my first win at an Ontario Cup, and have had many learning opportunities. The university circuit this year has been fantastic, there seem to be more University racers at many of the races than in previous years; it keeps it exciting and fun race against other student-athletes."

Ball has been skiing for eight years

now, which she considers to be short stint considering she did not adopt the sport from childhood. Ball said she started getting involved with skiing during high school.

"I started out as a cross-country runner, and had a fantastic running coach in high school who also coached the cross country ski team," Ball said. "She encouraged the runners to try skiing, and I eventually decided skiing was more for me than running."

While competitive skiing may not remain in Ball's future, she plans on continuing to ski for as long as she can, with hopes of attaining her academic goals.

"I am planning to take a year off once I finish my undergrad,

during which I will take the opportunity to be exclusively an athlete, rather than a student athlete," Ball said. "After that, I am hoping to attend physio school or complete a masters, and hopefully I will be able to ski throughout that. Once that is done, I am not sure that I will continue racing, but I plan to continue skiing for the rest of my life."

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Laurentian intramural badminton final action

BY MATTHEW TIBBLES

On Monday, March 12, the Laurentian University Intramural Badminton League came to an end. On the final day of competition all the 24 teams took part in an intense single elimination tournament.

First came the prizes and awards. Play of the day awards were given out every night going to; Kathleen McParland, Samuel Blackburn, Brittany Manning, Celyne Tremblay, Grant Winter, and Clint Lamarche. The rest of the awards were given out on the final night of play; the Golden Racquet, which was awarded to the team with the most points for, was awarded to Cole Lynch and Bridget Tancredi; the Golden Birdie, which was awarded to the team with the least points against, was awarded to Gabriel Despatie and Matt Dykstra; Most Sportsmanlike was awarded to Mark Wiersma; Most energetic was awarded to Leanne Sanders and Shawna Sanders; 110% was awarded to Melissa Ayotte,

Best Fall was awarded to Samuel Blackburn; Smooth Move Award was given to Gabriel Despatie and Matt Dykstra for breaking a racquet; and the Cooperation Award was given to Tom Zapletal, Ben Jolly, Tessa Preston and Brittany Manning.

The first round of the tournament eliminated the first eight teams, cutting the field down to sixteen. The second round eliminated another eight teams, cutting the competition in half. The final eight teams had to play their hardest in order to be given a chance at the final four. However the competition was too great for some teams to overcome and sadly their dreams of gold were put to rest. The final four had to duke it out in order to find out who would be playing for the big prize. All four teams played their hardest for the opportunity to win. Unfortunately this can only be true for two teams.

The four teams took a water break to refresh themselves and talk strategy before their final

duel of the 2012 Badminton Intramural. As the intense level of play begins, everyone watching knows they won't be sitting down for the next three sets. As the dust finally settles from the whirlwind of the racquets, we now know the victors; Pascale King and Nathan Phillips overcome Mark Wiersma and Fraser Doolittle in the third set, 21-14. In third place is Gabriel Despatie and Matt Dykstra, beating Chad Brousseau and Matt Bechard in the third set 21-17.

Everyone had a great time competing in the Laurentian University Intramural Badminton League. Everyone walked away with at least one Dairy Queen coupon as a token of appreciation for them coming out and participating. This was a great way for the teams to end their season as they had lots of fun, made new friends and had the chance to get some fun physical activity into their busy schedules.

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Rabey's round-up: Relegation battle

BY MATT RABEY

The MLS has kicked off its season and once again Toronto FC occupy the league basement. Meanwhile, in the Premier League, the top of the table has become a two-horse race between both Manchester clubs. The relegation battle is heating up as well with five teams feeling the pressure of possible demotion.

Following in the tradition of Toronto's professional sports teams, Toronto FC has started their season with a loss to Seattle and San Jose. Sitting near the bottom of the table with a terrible goal differential is a familiar place for the Reds and the loss of its captain, Torsten Frings, for the next month or so should keep them there. Toronto showed a lot of promise when they dumped the defending MLS champions out of the CONCACAF Champion's League in mid March, but Frings was critical to that display. The tough tackling German was an integral part to manager Aron Winter's plans for the season and without the holding midfielder on the pitch, TFC's back line is easy to penetrate as the six goals conceded in two matches shows. Granted, Winter has done well in the Champion's League against Mexican side Santos Laguna, despite Frings' absence, earning a one all draw. However, the Mexican side are used to playing in a climate much warmer than the one they experienced on Toronto's Lakeshore. The return leg will be played in the heart of Mexico where the Primera División leaders will be heavily favored to advance to the next round of competition. Champion's League aside, Toronto certainly have its

work cut out for them this season if they want to make the MLS playoffs for the first time in the club's history.

The English top flight is in the final stretch and apart from a miracle; the Premier League trophy will be lifted in Manchester. Manchester United have overtaken City with talisman Wayne Rooney performing to his potential by closing the gap on the current goal scoring league leader, Robin Van Persie. Sir Alex Ferguson was honoured with a stand at Old Trafford being named after him and it seems to be well deserved. He has been the most successful manager in United's history and his decision to keep Rooney at the club is paying dividends. At the time of the decision, Rooney was experiencing a bad run of form, but was still signed to a contract that puts him as the third highest-paid football player in the world. At the Eastlands, Roberto Mancini is facing a dilemma where he must decide how he will put pressure on a United that has been known to end the season in strong form. Return of captain Vincent Kompany will certainly help with the squad moral and the addition of his leadership will boost Manchester City's title aspirations. However, Manchester City and Roberto Mancini have much less experience than Sir Alex Ferguson's United, so the odds appear to be in the Red Devils' favour. Both Manchester managers must be feeling that they can bring the title home this season and, with that in mind, the match between the two on April 30 will have all the makings of a championship showdown.

One of the greatest aspects to the professional game of football is promotion

and relegation as there is always something to play for. This season, Blackburn, Bolton, QPR, Wigan and Wolves are the five teams that are battling it out to ensure that they beat the drop and remain in the top.

Steve Kean's Rovers are finally seeing results swing in their favour and hold the position of being the highest-ranked of the bottom-five. Blackburn fans have been ruthless towards Kean this season, staging protests, creating derogatory banners and chants, with only the club's owners keeping their trust in the gaffer. The club's Latin motto of *Arte et labore* (By Skill and Hard Work) is really ringing true as the Rover's have more than paid their dues in a troublesome season that has seen a substantial portion of the squad out on injury at one point or the other. With the Canadian-born David "Junior" Hoilett finally firing on all cylinders and signs of stability beginning to show, Blackburn should retain their status as Premier League regulars.

Bolton Wanderers are another club in the danger zone this season and win recent league wins over fellow strugglers Blackburn and QPR, the Wanderers are showing signs of improvement. However, the Wanderers have been in poor form for the majority of the season and are experiencing the loss of defenders Gary Cahill to Chelsea and Fabrice Muamba to cardiac arrest. Bolton are a club with an experienced manager with a status as a regular Premier team and an easier fixture list than some of the other bottom clubs, but sitting near the bottom of the table for most of the season shows how poor this Bolton side has tended to perform.

The Queen's Park Rangers have been a difficult case this season, with more changes to their squad than any other Premier League club. Mark Hughes is the most experienced manager out of the bottom-five clubs, but thus far has been unable to get the Hoops to find their stride. He does have some strong players to field every match who are capable of achieving survival if play starts linking up. QPR have depth, but it is difficult to predict survival as they have been underachieving for the majority of the second half of the season.

With Wigan, the question for the last few years has been how are they still in the top flight? The Latics have barely survived in the last couple of years under the guidance of Roberto Martínez and this year being the side with the least goals scored does not bode well for their survival. The 2011-12 season has seen Wigan spending the majority of its time in the relegation zone and despite Martínez's claims that Wigan is used to this and will triumph, luck only goes so far.

The last club with its head on the chopping block is the Wolves, who after sacking Mick McCarthy have fallen to last place. Terry Connor has no experience as a first team manager and to take over a club in such dire circumstance will almost certainly end in failure. Mick McCarthy steered Wolves to safety last season and when he departed, so did any hope of the club retaining Premiership football.

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Disappointing year for Canadian NHL teams

BY ANDY VEILLEUX

The playoff race is heating up in the National Hockey League, and few Canadian teams have meaningful hockey left to play this season.

The Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens are second-last and last place in the Eastern Conference at the moment.

While the Maple Leafs have been perennial non-contenders for seven years, the Canadiens have been a fairly consistent playoff team. Habs general manager Pierre Gauthier has (finally) been fired, which is a positive note in an otherwise dismal season for Montreal fans.

Leafs' new head coach (read:

drill sergeant) Randy Carlyle has not had time to get Toronto to play his brand of hockey, but the team should undergo a strong makeover in the off-season to better fit his physical, defensive style.

Leafs general manager Brian Burke will be shaping the team around this style, which is fitting considering his personal preference for teams is identical.

Both teams can also count on a high draft pick this season, which will help stock the somewhat-barren cupboards of the teams.

The Winnipeg Jets and Ottawa Senators both sit on either side of the playoff race with few points separating them.

The Senators sit in seventh-

place with 88 points, and the Jets currently have 78.

Winnipeg is all but eliminated from the race, while Ottawa has a good shot of making the big dance.

The Senators have to compete with a hot Buffalo Sabres squad, and a luke-warm Washington Capitals team to qualify. They do have two points, and even a game on the Capitals, with only five games remaining.

They have the best hope of any Eastern Canadian team to qualify, and should be more of a playoff footnote than contender. They are young, so the playoffs are more of a building experience than a cup run this season.

The West is a different story.

The Vancouver Canucks have already clinched their playoff spot, and their division – thanks to a largely weak North-West division – and are a perennial contender.

The concussion suffered by Daniel Sedin is troublesome, as that team runs on the Sedin twins' production.

The Canucks are saying he will be back for the playoffs, but concussion recovery is always a guessing game. The Canucks will be a Stanley Cup contender with Sedin healthy, but probably not without him.

The Calgary Flames are only a few points out of the playoffs, but would basically have to win every game remaining to have a chance

of playing in them.

It seems unlikely a team that went 4-3-3 in their last ten, and have been inconsistent all season, could reel off four straight wins.

The Edmonton Oilers will have another high draft pick – which they will likely use to draft yet another high-end offensive prospect when they need defense and goaltending – due to another poor season.

It has been a disappointing year for Canadian hockey teams this season, but the saving grace is that the Leafs, Senators, and Oilers are young and developing.

The future is bright, even if the present is dim.

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Encore Theatre: Down Dangerous Passes Road

BY RYEN VELDHUIS

Coming up fast is Encore Theatre's debut mainstage production of *Down Dangerous Passes Road*, written by Michel Marc Bouchard. It is a play about three brothers dealing with past and present problems in their lives as they confront one another while visiting a relic of their childhood: an old fishing spot on the river down Dangerous Passes Road.

The production was originally scheduled to open on Jan. 13, but due to unfortunate circumstances, Encore decided to postpone the production. "In a way there is kind of an upside to the delay for us," says Callam Rodya, president and artistic director of Encore Theatre. "It's given us more time. It gave us a chance to look at a few moments and strengthen it where we could; but at the same time we were a week away from opening and when your in that gear to heading into the opening of a

show and to cut that off like that it's a huge shock to the system. So we coped with it and I think the play is stronger now than it might have been, even though it was very strong back in January. But it was tough for us, especially with it being our debut mainstage production."

According to Rodya, "The amount of 'production value' is a 100 times greater than the playscript readings. This is a full scale production. So the quality of work will be the best that we can offer. Absolutely." *Down Dangerous Passes Road* will be starring Nicolas Barbeau as Carl, the youngest brother; Callam Rodya as Ambrose, the middle brother and Richard Barlow as Victor, the oldest brother.

"We're just really, really excited to do it," says Rodya, as opening night draws near. "We've been waiting almost a year to put this play on and now we finally get a chance to do it. I think it's a play that people will

really enjoy; it's a play that really resonates with a lot of people. It's about family, it's about brothers; it's about sons' relationships with their father and the struggles of diverging personalities in a family. I think it will be a huge leap forward for us in terms of what we've offered so far."

The new opening night is set for April 20 at 8 p.m. at the Ernie Checkeris Theatre and will be playing until its final show on April 28. Ticket prices are \$24 for adults, \$22 for seniors and \$20 for students.

Following *Down Dangerous Passes Road*, Encore will be continuing their season with the productions of *Closer*, by Patrick Marber, starting on July 13, and *Death of a Salesman*, by Arthur Miller, on a date to be announced. For more information on their summer productions, visit encoretheatre.ca.

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Eating party 'a first' for Laurentian

BY KALLIE BERENS

April 2 is not only the last Monday of the 2011-2012 school year - it's also the LU Community Eating Party, taking place from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the student centre.

"This is a collaboration between the international students' club, the culinary club, sustainable earth club, the LU food bank and the free store," said vice-president of student issues Mike Martino, "this is the first time we've ever done this."

The eating party is "a student centre wide party," with the idea that "every student who wishes to join in will bring a meal's worth of food - whether it's a few sandwiches or a small pot of chili," Martino said.

The purpose of the event is to bring together an eclectic group of students to celebrate one common expression of humanity through the food we consume, Martino explained.

Donations to the LU food

bank will also be accepted at the event.

One goal of the eating party is to "break down the taboo" of the "under-marketed" food bank on campus, Martino said.

"We all need to eat, and we all find ourselves in a bind at one point or another... people should definitely feel free to utilize the food bank when needed."

In addition to a free meal, Martino brought up an open-mic event to take place in the coffee club at some point during the event.

Martino says that he hopes the eating party will turn into an "annual or bi-annual event," and says that "the effort here is directed towards bringing the Laurentian community together as a whole."

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The Top 5 Trends for Spring

BY LIANNA PISANI

World Mastercard Toronto Fashion Week, which took place at the David Pecaut square from March 12-17, allowed more than 30 Canadian designers to showcase their Fall/Winter 2012-13 collections. With the world of runway fashion always being at least one season ahead of real time, I looked to the streets and the guests for the top 5 trends for spring.

TREND 5: White on white

It is now officially after Labour Day, and you may feel free to parade around in white once more. Unlike in previous years, the “white” trend this season is white on white on white on cream on white on bone on white on eggshell on white, until you’re layered in so much white and its sister shades that people begin to wonder how much you miss the snow. Also try playing around with

different textures to accentuate each individual layer.

Style suggestion: white denim, a cream knitted sweater, white linen blazer, cream/bone shoes

TREND 4: Pastels

Whether or not you subconsciously pull out your pastels for the spring season, now you have a legitimate reason— and the OK to wear all of your pastels at once. Similar to the white on white trend, pastels are best worn with other pastels. Run off free and full of new life in lighter shades of pink, purple, tangerine, blue, green, and yellow.

Style suggestion: tangerine denim, peach-coloured blouse, pale yellow jacket

TREND 3: Prints, prints, prints

Vertical stripes, horizontal stripes, polka-dots, tribal prints,

animal prints, graphic prints, and every other kind of print you manage to find, are more than welcome to your closet this season. Prints have always been in style—sure, the prints, do change with the seasons— but now, they can be worn together. This is quite possibly the trickiest trend of spring. The key to mixing prints is focusing on the size of dots, stripes, lines, graphics, etc, as well as the colour scheme of your outfit.

Style suggestion: a mini polka-dot blouse in pink/purple shades, a navy thick-striped cardigan, white/grey plaid jacket, with denim or trousers

TREND 2: Florals

Florals are a generally accepted print throughout the seasons. Living in Sudbury, they are often a way to brighten up the winter months. This season, florals are

no longer a simple print to liven up an outfit, but a monochromatic technique. The way to play it safe with floral prints (or any print) is to combine them with solid colours. If you want to take the trend one step further, mix and match various floral prints until you look like a delicate Parisian garden. Even Hawaiian flower prints are fair game.

Style suggestion: floral-printed pants, a solid-coloured blouse, solid or striped blazer, Oxford shoes, floppy hat

TREND 1: Brights and neons

Now is the time to buy colored denim. Red, lemon yellow, purple, royal blue, leprechaun green... all are not only acceptable, but encouraged this season. Don’t just show off one bright item per outfit, but all of them. Colour-

block multiple bright pieces, or be monochromatic with different bright shades of the same colour. It is also a great time to pull all of those neon accessories from mom and dad’s 1980s closet. Neon bags, jewelry, nail polish, belts and shoes make great accents for any bright outfit.

Style suggestions: colour-block with red denim, a magenta blouse, and an orange blazer; black denim, a charcoal blouse, neon yellow belt, shoes, purse and jewelry

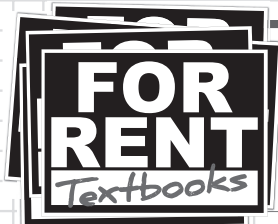
The great thing about these trends is how well they work together. Be wild and wear coloured denim with mixed print tops. Wear all white and neon-coloured accessories. Layer, and don’t be scared to overdo it. This spring, more is more.

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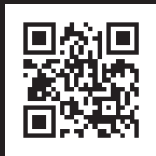
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Letter to the editor: Debunking rape myths

BY JESSICA LAMIRANDE

The belief that most sexual assaults are committed by strangers is a myth. In fact, the majority of women attacked know their attacker. The fact that the rape myths we have perpetuated for years happen to be false creates many problems.

First, we can no longer rely on campaigns which emphasize 'no means no'. As the majority of women know their attacker, the relationships between them are quite complicated. Women may be less willing to say no as they fear straining relationships. It is for this reason we should focus on the concept of 'sexy consent'. We must all be certain before we engage in any action that all parties consent to it. Women who are harmed by acquaintances are also less likely to report the crimes, and are more likely to blame themselves and feel guilty about their attack.

Men may use rape myths to justify or deny men's sexual violence, and women may use them to deny personal vulnerability to rape. Rape myths are prejudicial stereotypes or false beliefs about rape, rape victims, and rapists. Rape myths

include: 'Women "ask for it" by their dress or actions', 'Women who are drunk are willing to engage in any kind of sexual activity', 'All women fantasize about rape', 'If she really didn't want it, she could have stopped me'. Men indicated that victims provoke rape through their behaviour or appearance and that it is the women's responsibility to prevent rape. Such conceptions are based upon the belief that victims precipitate rape through their appearance and behaviour. Women who dress or behave suggestively are seen as more likely to be raped than women who dress and behave conservatively.

Rape myths may lull women into a false sense of security. By trusting in rape myths, women may mistakenly assume that they can avoid being raped. Rape myths serve to reinforce ideals that women must do everything in their power to avoid attacks. Emphasis is never placed on the need condemn rape. Instead we focus on women's needs to dress less provocatively, to not permit themselves to be alone with men, to not be out late at night, to not be 'promiscuous', as this would indicate they are willing and ready to

have sex with anyone.

Due to the recent emphasis of past beliefs that it was women's duties to avoid rape (Constable Michael Sanguinetti-York University; Sudbury Community Members Perspectives-Sudbury 'Gropers') it has become clear we, as a society, have a lot of work left to do.

The Graduate Student Association in partnership with the other student unions and community organizations has organized a Sexual Assault Awareness Series. Of these events, remains a Sexual Assault Awareness March. The Sudbury Sexual Assault March, formerly named the 'Sudbury Slut Walk' is being held, Saturday April 14th at 4pm beginning at the corner of Paris and Brady. This march serves to remind the community that consent should always be sought before any sexual contact; and that no one, ever deserves to be assaulted. ONLY YES MEANS YES; and CONSENT IS SEXY.

We are asking you to join us for the Sexual Assault Awareness March. We ask you to accompany us in making a unified statement about sexual assault and victims' rights and to

demand respect for all. Join us in our mission to spread the word that those who experience sexual assault are not the ones at fault, without exception.

Some Sexual Assault Facts:

* 51% of Canadian Women have experienced at least one incident of violence since the age of 16.

* Only 1 in 10 Sexual Assaults is reported to the police. Of those that are acquaintance rapes, only 1 in 100 is reported to the police.

* Four out of five female undergraduates reported that they had been victims of violence in a dating relationship. Twenty-nine percent of that number reported incidents of sexual assault.

* Sixty percent of Canadian college-aged males report that they would commit sexual assault if they were certain that they would not be caught.

* 1 in 5 male students surveyed said that forced intercourse was all right "if he spends money on her", "if he is stoned or drunk", or "if they had been dating for a long time."

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Column: Shedding light on space

BY COLLIN BYRNE, MARK LABELLE AND THOMAS MORTON

When you get tossed out of your spaceship, on your way to the dark side of the moon, looking for Transformer Tech, and scream as loud as you can, nobody hears it until after you explode. Can you spot everything that's wrong with the past sentence? If you answered everything, including grammar and punctuation, you are correct.

What is the dark side of the moon? The truth is that there is not permanent dark side of the moon, just like there is no permanent dark side of the Earth. The surfaces of the moon actually get about the same amount of light, just at different times, having day and night cycles like on Earth. However, one side of the moon always faces the Earth, making it look like the moon isn't turning; in order to constantly face the earth the moon rotates on its axis once every 28 days and also revolves around the Earth once every 28 days. This means that a day on the moon is as long as 28 days on Earth! Therefore, we suggest not hunting for ancient transformer tech or for strange ideas heard from playing Pink Floyd's album backwards.

The famous tagline from Alien: "In space no one can hear you scream", is actually true, most of the time. For sound to travel, it needs a medium: a material to pass along the vibrations that we hear and interpret. Sound can travel through air, water, metal, and anything else that can vibrate. This means you can talk in a space ship or in your helmet to a radio transponder, as long as they are filled with air. Space is a vacuum, which means there is nothing there, it's

empty between the things we can see, so once you've gone out the airlock there is no point in yelling for help; perhaps try sign language instead. You can also try being nice, so the others in the space ship don't throw you out that airlock without a space suit in the first place.

One more myth about space is that your body would explode from depressurization if you went out without a space suit. On earth, the air pushes against your body, squeezing you at all time; when you're in the vacuum of space there isn't any air. So no air pressure, no squeezing, and with no pressure outside of your body anymore you might expect to explode. When the air pressure gets extremely low it causes fluids (liquids and gasses) to expand. This will make the air in your lungs expand, and rush out; it could also make your saliva and tears evaporate. Don't expect to be turned to confetti just yet though; the human body has an organ that is very good at holding in the stuff that needs to be held in. The skin is more than enough to hold your insides inside. Like a jelly doughnut being filled, you may feel a little bloated, but won't burst at the seams.

One final common misconception is that objects (or people) "floating" in space don't experience the force of Earth's gravity because they are too far away. This is incorrect for orbiting objects like the International Space Station (only about 386 km high), which is low enough that the Earth's gravitational pull is only slightly reduced (by a mere 10%). Astronauts in the space station are experiencing a pull toward Earth that is almost equal to what they would experience here on the ground. The reason people appear

weightless in orbit it that they are moving forward (parallel to the surface of the earth) at such a speed that the gravitational acceleration which causes them to fall toward the center of the Earth is merely enough to change the direction of movement so that the they curve around the horizon. Therefore, if the International Space Station were to stop moving relative to the surface of the Earth, it would drop quicker than a science student's self-confidence after writing their first organic chemistry exam. Because both the spacecraft and the person inside it are essentially in a state of freefall, they only appear to have no weight.

Regardless of how much you actually weigh (don't worry ladies, you can keep it a secret), you still wouldn't want to spend too much time floating around up there. Astronauts lose about 1% of their bone mass every month in space. This can result in the rapid development of osteoporosis and a high susceptibility to bone fractures as the weight-bearing parts of the body adapt to the decreased forces on them. This bone atrophy adds up quickly during a long space mission and it is a major concern of people trying to plan safe space travel. Inactivity on Earth can cause similar forms of atrophy in muscle and bone as to what is found in space flight, and this is yet another reason to make sure you remember those New Year's resolutions and put in your time at the gym.

That's all the science we have for now. If you want to learn some more interesting facts about space, you should consider checking out Laurentian University's own planetarium and astronomy club.

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Column: nutrition vital for health

BY COLLIN BYRNE, MARK LABELLE AND THOMAS MORTON

If you managed to avoid the cold and flu during your midterms you might of gotten lucky, but there is more to getting sick than just having the unfortunate experience of someone sneezing into your sandwich. A person with a healthy immune system can be exposed to a cold or flu virus and not become ill. If your body's natural defence mechanisms are working properly the invading bug (virus or bacteria) can be quickly controlled and never even create symptoms.

Nutrition is an important determinant of immune response and a few small changes in your diet can keep your body in shape to fight off intruders. Malnutrition is not something confined to people in developing countries or those with eating disorders; it occurs in different forms among people of all age groups and populations and it is the most common cause of immune system problems. Not getting enough of an essential nutrient will challenge your body's ability to function properly and protect itself, this can increase the risk infection.

Taking supplements is an easy way to help prevent deficiencies in your diet. Some nutrients (like vitamin C and zinc) have even been shown to improve immune system function when taken in greater quantities than the

recommended dietary allowance (the numbers you read on the back of food packaging). Important micronutrients influencing the body's immune system include vitamins A, B6, B12, C, D, E, zinc, copper, iron selenium and folate. Making sure that your diet provides you with all of these nutrients can help you to avoid getting sick.

There are many things to consider when trying to design an optimal diet for yourself. Always making sure that you eat appropriate amounts of all the nutrients required for your body's metabolic needs can be difficult, especially on a student's budget. Sure, it might be possible to live off of James Ready and Kraft Dinner for an extended period of time, but this obviously is not optimal for health. A daily multi-vitamin and multi-mineral will help fill in the gaps in your diet and keep you healthy. Although some fat-soluble vitamins (like vitamin A) can be toxic if taken in excess, a daily multivitamin is quite safe. In fact, some vitamins, including vitamin C, can be taken in extremely large amounts (over 10 000 times the recommended dose) without harm. Just remember that you cannot replace a good diet with vitamin supplements and eating a mixture of different foods including fruits, vegetables and meats (not just the deep fried kind) is ideal.

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Humour: SGA president aims to unite Laurentian

BY JASON KNOBLE

My name is Jason Knoble and I want to be your next SGA president.

I won't spend any time mudslinging my opponents. That kind of negative campaigning is beneath me and denigrates the process. Yes, Beth Humble is a whoring alcoholic and John Mayberry has the eyes of a serial killer. But those facts are obvious to anyone who meets them and I refuse to point them out myself. Besides, one of my goals, once in office, is to be a unifier not a divider. We have lived through one of the most tumultuous years the SGA has ever seen. We have seen the ousting of the past SGA president, the removal of the VP of Issues and the suicide murder of a couple of the other SGA executives which never made it into the news. This coming year must be a time of renewal in the SGA and I promise, if I am elected SGA president, that I will make sure the entire SGA executive would work together in harmony. This harmony will be achieved through various drugs, some legal, some illegal, but all of them will dull the part of the executives' brains that deal with aggression and conflict (and bladder control, unfortunately).

Are you tired of always being tired? Student sleepiness is at an all time high and this problem has kept me up at night, so that I am forced to sleep in and miss my classes the next day. I see it all over campus, students nodding off in the middle of class. My solution is a two-fold attack at the very heart of this epidemic. The first fold in my attack is to find solutions to make classes less sleep inducing. Free Tim Hortons' coffee for every student in every class? No! Mandatory free Tim Hortons' espresso shots for every student in every class. You'll be shaking with excitement throughout the lecture and jittering your way to the Dean's honor list.

Another important part of this step is to make lectures so exciting that you don't want to fall asleep. If you are like me you have no problem staying awake at 4 in the morning for a 5 hour Call of Duty marathon session but cannot make it through another 50 minute yawn-fest about the fall of the Roman Empire. (Hey, Roman Empire! Maybe if your society was more exciting you wouldn't have fallen so easily.) So why not combine the information of the lecture with pulse pounding action of Call of Duty? It's the class versus the professor... as long as the professor can remain alive while being hunted by the class (in a virtual multi-user video game environment) they can keep lecturing. But as soon as they are shot down the class ends. Special power-ups for students who do well on the midterm. Extra lives for professors who teach to classes over 30 or if they are teaching some stuff that will be on the exam that day and they really need to get through it.

The second fold is about finding more places for students to sleep around campus. It breaks my heart every time I see fellow students lined up to sleep on the sofas in the Brenda Wallace reading room. I have to wonder how a just and fair God allows us to live in a world where there are not enough comfy couches for every student who needs a nap between classes (or after class to rest up before that 10 minute

drive home). Since God has fallen down on the job on this it would be up to me as your SGA president to make up for his oversight and ensure there is a "cushiony curl up corner" for every student on campus. Don't worry, my dad knows a guy who works at Leons who could set us up with a sweet price (less than the cost of an LU Pub renovation). To make room for these "niches of nap", most of our lecture hall chairs will now be replaced with Lazy boy chairs. These "recharge recliners" will allow you to rest up so you have the energy you need to party hard at night.

My last key platform issue concerns

lowering tuition fees. The rising cost of tuition is leaving students broke, in debt, penniless and living in poverty. This redundant problem must be stopped and it must be stopped now. And if not now, it must be stopped soon-ish. I promise, if I am your SGA president, I will cut tuitions cost in half. You read that correctly, in half. That is your cue to jump up and down and squeal in delight. That is NOT your cue to start asking questions about "how could I do this?" and "wouldn't that mean we would lose many of the services we now enjoy?" and "wouldn't that cause LU to begin a spiral of debt that eventually bankrupts the school

and shuts it down?" If your electronic chip was already in place, asking questions like that would cause so many electrical shocks you would be a drooling comatose mass on the floor right now. But since it won't be in place for another few months you'll just have to accept my word that I will cut tuition costs in half and resume your happy dances.

I, Jason Knoble, want to be your SGA president and I hope you can see from my campaign promises that I am the candidate that deserves your vote. Unless you like alcoholic-whores or serial killers. lambda@laurentian.ca

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Science North and Dynamic Earth looking for summer volunteers

BY NINA NESSETH

This summer, Science North is encouraging the Sudbury community to give its energy to science. Science North and its earth sciences counterpart Dynamic Earth are looking for volunteers for the summer season. This year, the summer recruitment is focussing upon high school and university students.

"We consulted with students from Laurentian, Cambrian, and Boreal, as well as high school students to re-imagine the volunteer program," said Nadim Kara, Director of Organizational Development at Science North. This re-imagining initiative included creating new spaces for volunteers within the science centre, as well as developing new experiences – such as a volunteer conference.

Of course, the work also comes with its perks: along with taking part in new experiences and learning new skills, volunteers get free admission to the science centres and IMAX films, as well as discounts on special exhibits and events.

Volunteering with Science North is also a great opportunity to meet people and feel more connected to the Sudbury community.

Volunteers have a huge impact on how visitors experience Science North and Dynamic Earth. This impact definitely includes the bluecoats that we see out on the floors, engaging people with hands-on science – but you don't necessarily have to have a science background to join the workforce. There is a list of volunteer opportunities that covers a range of skills and interests, including summer camps, visitor research, customer service, and exhibit maintenance and repair.

"A lot of our top senior managers started out as volunteers and co-op students - myself included," said Kara. "Talent of all ages can come in and get a great experience that will help them later in their careers."

The online application deadline for summer 2012 opportunities is Apr. 7th. For more information about Science North's volunteer program, contact Tasha Denis at (705) 522-3701 ext 291, or visit the Science North website at sciencenorth.ca. nx_neseth@laurentian.ca



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Land of the Voyageurs Rubber Boots Festival

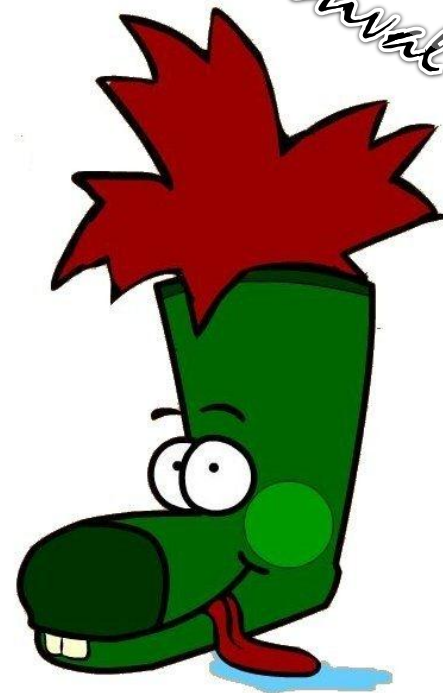
Early Bird prizes! Tickets available in March
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Dress code:
Rubber Boots!
Prizes for best,
worst, baby,
bizarre,
decorated...

Code vestimentaire : Bottes de
caoutchouc! Prix à gagner pour les
meilleures, pires, bizarres, décorées...



des Bottes de caoutchouc du pays des Voyageurs

A foot-stompin' fun maple syrup & music spring celebration!
Tapez des pieds et célébrez le sirop d'érable, la musique, le printemps !

Land of the Voyageurs Farmers Market vendors!

- King Sportswear
- Twisted Taters
- ... and more!

Entertainment! Divertissements !

- IncrediBrent
- Psychics
- Caricaturist
- Silent art auction
- ... and more!

Music: Rock, country, accordion, pop, and more!

Musique: Rock, violon, pop, country et plus encore !

- Le Groupe SWING
- Larry Berrio
- Shy-Anne Hovorka
- Métis Fiddler Quartet
- Pistol George Warren
- AkoufèN
- Holy Toledo
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- Lawrence Martin
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- Emmanuel Gasser
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Billets de tirage en vente !

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